

Domestic violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic groups in the United States. While the rate of domestic violence has declined in recent years, there is still much work to be done. Today I stood with my colleagues in passing H.Con.Res.209, supporting the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As a co-sponsor of the Violence Against Women Act, I will work with my colleagues to make sure we increase public awareness and understanding of domestic violence and the needs of battered women and children.